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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2824

Application No.: 09/843,924

Examiner: Douglas M. Menz

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING BUMP, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR MAKING THE SAME, CIRCUIT BOARD, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

In reply to the August 30, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-27 and 31-32, drawn to a method for forming a bump, classified in class 438, subclass 613, with traverse.

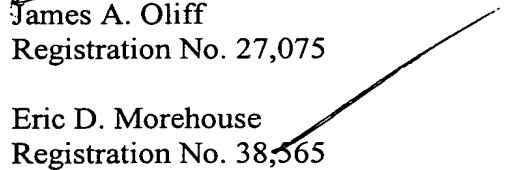
It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-32 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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